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: RECOMBINANT NUCLEIC  
: ACIDS CIRCULARIZED BY  
: DNA COMPACTING AGENTS



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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 6, 2002, Applicant amends the Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-10 (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A ~~process~~ method for preparing circularized recombinant nucleic acids from a vector and an insert comprising the steps of:

producing circularized recombinant nucleic acid by ligating a DNA insert and a DNA vector in the presence of a DNA compaction agent;

and

selecting said circularized recombinant nucleic acid.